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Augusta Defeats Fishburne 14 - 13!

Award Presentations, Dance Featured At Thanksgiving

Topping off A.M.A.'s defeat of Fishburne on the afternoon of November 29 was the annual Thanksgiving Banquet. Consisting of the customary turkey with all the trimmings, the dinner was held in the Mess Hall in honor of the football team. More than 250 guests were present.

Following the dinner Col. Roller made a short speech after which, aided by Major Parkins, he presented varsity and junior varsity football members with A.M.A. monograms. A highlight of the occasion was Col. Roller's annual award of small gold footballs to outstanding players. Cadet Pete Kelley, Captain of the '57 squad, was named best lineman, while Clay Johnson was named best in the backfield. The team expressed their appreciation to Coach Bill Ralph by presenting him with an engraved trophy. Line Coach Thornton and Backfield Coach McDowell were also presented trophies by the team. Concluding the banquet and the giving of awards was the presentation of an overnight bag to Mrs. Roller, wife of the principal, in recognition of her loyal and continuous support of the team throughout the season. This presentation was made by Lt. Kreisler.

Varsity Awards

Those receiving varsity monograms were Cadets Dick Albert, Walter Anderson, Charlie Bell, Wayne Blaylock, Keene Byrd, Tommy Camper, Bob Carson, Kenney Coyner, James Dorman, Wayne Duffy, Herbie Hausmann, John Holder, Dennis Howell, Clay Johnson, Pete Kelley, Jim Lanks, Joe LaRue, Dale Powers, Cesar Rodriguez, Joe Sefa, LeRay Smiley, Joe Taylor, Jim Weaver, and Zeke Zehmer.

Junior Varsity Awards

Cadets receiving junior varsity monograms were Barnes, Beckner, Blaylock, Elder, Enz, Giordani, Hall, McAleese, McCarthy, Mc-

Grath, Meier, Quimby, Snell, Tomasek, Townsend and Trimble.

A Holiday Ball-Homecoming Dance was held after the banquet in Memorial Gymnasium from 9:30-1:30, with music supplied by the Vagabonds. The gym was deco-

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A.M.A. Smashes Fishburne Winning Streak In Turkey Day Thriller

Despite the cold, wet weather which converted A.M.A.'s Clay Bowl into a veritable sea of mud, the Blue Streaks of Augusta rounded out the current football season by defeating arch-rival Fishburne with a touchback in the last two minutes of play. The safety gave A.M.A. a 14-13 victory and broke a five-year-old winning

streak the Caissons had held.

Throughout the game Augusta used a passing attack which had not been displayed before.

The Blue Streaks finished the season with a record of five victories and four losses. Their total of five wins tops that of the past five years put together.

With four minutes remaining in the game, A.M.A. trailed 13-12. Their hopes rose, however, when Bill McGrath blocked a Fishburne punt and halfback Johnson recovered on the opponent's 10-yard line. But the Big Blue clogged up and ran out of downs on the seven. However, A.M.A. got the big break several plays later when Fishburne quarterback C. M. Trinkle faded to pass and Augusta ends Dennis Howell and Zeke Zehmer nailed him for a safety.

Earlier in the game, the Caissons had taken first blood on a 47-yard halfback sprint.

Using their aerial attack to full capacity, A.M.A. then marched all the way for a first period touch-

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ABOVE: Guard John Holder throws valuable block as halfback Clay Johnson fights for yardage in the annual A.M.A.-Fishburne game held in the Clay Bowl on Thanksgiving Day.

BELOW: Colonel Roller congratulates Cadet Jim Dorman as he is presented with his varsity monogram at the annual Thanksgiving Banquet.



Glee Club Makes First Appearance

Presenting its first program at the YMCA Christmas meeting Sunday evening was the A.M.A. Glee Club, directed by Mrs. William Pritchett. The group sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "I Believe," "White Christmas," and also led the corps of cadets, faculty and guests in the singing of Christmas hymns.

Recently organized, the group has selected as President, Cadet Bob Peters; as Librarian, Cadet Terry Snow.

Mrs. Pritchett, who received her B. M. degree from the College Conservatory of Music of Cincinnati in 1951, was formerly Director of Music at St. Anne's School in Charlottesville, and at present directs both the junior and adult choirs at the Old Stone Church.

Especially for The Bayonet

YOUR CHRISTMAS 1957 . . . A 'LEAKING BALLOON?'

By Mr. Jim Allison

There is a store in Nashville, Tennessee, which has the following slogan: "Harvey's likes everybody; almost everybody likes Harvey's." This slogan applies to the Christmas season. Christmas likes everybody; almost everybody likes Christmas. Why?

Of course, Christmas is a time to go home. It is a time for good food. It is a festive holiday for almost everybody. Almost everybody likes almost everything that goes on in "the Christmas spirit." Almost everybody believes Christmas is a fine institution. Why?

The traditional answer is that Christmas is the birthday of Christ. But does "almost everybody" really care about the birthday of Christ? Just suppose that no such person as Christ had ever been born. Could we still have our

"Christmas spirit?" Could we still have our holiday, and go home, and have festivity, and exchange presents? Then, what does the birth of Christ really have to do with "almost everybody's" Christmas?

Maybe the "almost everybody" who likes Harvey's, the store, has never once thought about Harvey. Maybe the "almost everybody" who likes Christmas has never, or at best rarely, thought about Christ. Yet Harvey's would never have become the store it is, with its own character and personality which attract "almost everybody" without the man, Harvey, whose mind and personality and work made the store. And Christmas, the real Christmas of joy and goodwill and hope, could never have become such a season for us without Christ, whose personality and character and mind and work and sacrifice brought joy and goodwill and hope to the world.

The fact seems to be that much of the Christmas of today is a leaking balloon which we have to keep blowing up with more "Christmas spirit" to keep it from collapsing. Our day needs more than a leaking balloon. It needs a solid rock that people can stand on. Christ is that rock. He is a rock for everybody. So this Christmas, let everybody take a new, long look at Christ.

Thanksgiving

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rated in a Christmas motif, with slanting walls and ceiling done in yards and yards of red, green and white crepe paper. Christmas trees adorned the floor, while an arching of crepe paper formed a tunneled entrance to the dance floor.

Present at the dance besides the many parents, dates and other guests were Col. and Mrs. Roller and other members of the A.M.A. faculty and administration.

Letters to the Editor

CHEERLEADERS ANSWER EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In reference to the editorial which appeared in the November issue of **The Bayonet**, we the cheerleaders feel that it was unduly critical of the job done by us this year. It is not realized that without the full support of the Corps of Cadets any cheering efforts whatsoever are in vain. The editor put up such a brilliant display of cheering during the A.M.A.-Fishburne game that we have decided to submit him as Head Cheerleader for basketball

season if he thinks that he is better qualified for this position than any one of us. We feel that the Corps as a whole has done a far better job of cheering during this football season than during any any other that we have experienced at Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,
The Cheerleaders.

We of The Bayonet would like to start an effective Letters to the Editor column and will welcome any and all contributions.

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Feliz Navidad y Un Muy Prospero Ano Queridos Alumnos

Durante meses todos nosotros hemos llegado casi ya a la esperada fecha tan senalada. Cuantas ilusiones!

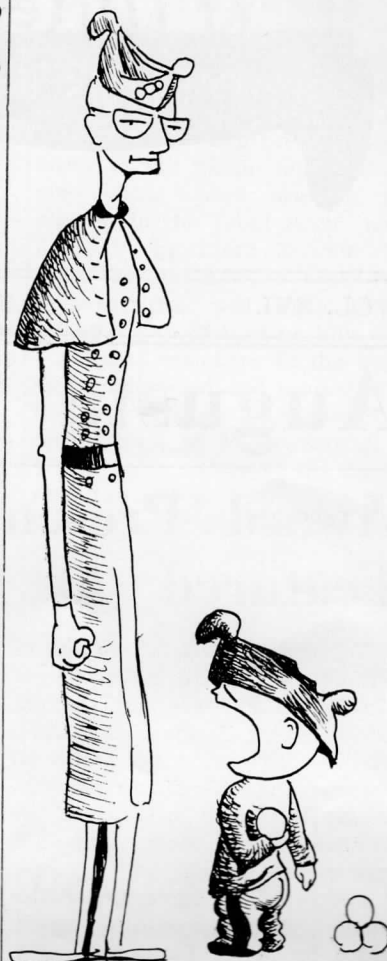
Cuantos proyectos! La vida de muchos ha sido, durante estas ultimas semanas parte palpable de una futura alegre Navidad.

En pocas lineas es dificil escribir sobre tema tan normal en la vida de cualquier cristiano. Por ello solo quiero aqui, desear a todos los lectores sin distinction de nacionalidad o credo, una nueva y mucho mas alegre Navidad. No se dejen, los que por circunstancias diversas vamos a pasar estas fiestas fuera o lejos de nueStras familias, in fluenciar por una tristeza o un sentimiento profundos; bien por el contrario pensemos en la alegria que daremos a los nueEtros con nuestra propia alegria.

Sana y limpia felicidad estas fiestas, debe llenar nuestras almas, no nos encermos solo en el aspectos pagano de ellas, dejemos que la verdadera Navidad entre en nosotros, para que entonces la felicidad sea completa.

Para todos, los de aqui y los volvemos a nuestros hogares, vaya mi mas sincero deseo de felicidad y alegria durante estas fiestas y durante el nuevo ano 1958.

Life at Augusta By Weller



". . you gonna make me . . .?"

Junior School Presents Christmas Play Entitled 'Why The Chimes Rang'

"Did you hear me groan the other day? Let me tell you my story:

One day recently a 'Screech!' and 'Scream!' was heard. I nearly jumped off my hinges. Major Davis pushed me open, wanting to know what was the matter. Well, guess what it was! Cadet Hein was sharpening his pencil when he looked down and saw a teeny-tiny-weeny mouse in the waste basket. Then the blast began. Oh, My! I don't think I'll ever be the same again. Major Davis took the mouse out and at last all was quiet again—even Stanley Hein. (Cadet Hutchins is our 'quieter-downer.' Poor boy, he has his hands full!) I'll bet no mice will come into the fourth grade room again."—(From fourth grade papers).

The celebration of birthdays has been the social order of the day in the Junior School during the fall term, with Timmy Roller's and Bill Russell's on October 26. On December 9 Dean Burns' eighth birthday was celebrated with a party by the third and fourth graders.

For Christmas festivities at A.M.A, a play entitled "Why the Chimes Rang" was planned under the direction of Mrs. Aalph and featured Cadets Lane, Ruff-

ner and Geraci as speakers. Other Juniors who had silent parts in the play or were in the choir, which is directed by Mrs. Pritchett. Those who sing in Mrs. Pritchett's Junior Choir at the Old Stone Church are Cadets Bickford, J. and R. Canevet, Grammer, Hammock, Pash, Reichard, W. Willcox, and Wintringer.

Jokesters in Barracks (hiding things and spilling dope!)—Cadets Cassey, Mathis, Weeks, Hein . . . Charlie Roller and Grammer make the broom do tricks . . . Cadets Keeney, Kreger, and Lemly are model plane builders. Paint or dope stillers and helpers are Bernstein, Greenman, Hedden; Rodgers just likes to throw and fly them . . . Abdullah and Reynolds are getting a workout in the Band—and do they ever look sharp! . . . the sixth graders are making a science collection (watch the tadpoles develop!) . . . Junior School softball is being gotten under way by Lt. Andrews, while Capt. Hansen takes some of the boys on hikes through the surrounding countryside.

The Juniors are saving again for the Lynchburg Orphanage Christmas Dinner. Major Lucus has charge of delivering the food.

Hither and Yon With

A. M. A. ALUMNI NEWS

Returning alumni are always welcomed at A.M.A. It was an especial pleasure to greet alumni who were on hand to cheer the Augusta football squad on to victory at the Fishburne game on Thanksgiving Day and who remained for the traditional festivities and victory celebrations which followed.

The Bayonet has been informed that David Shiplett, of Vidalia, Ga., class of '54, was recently named one of four company commanders in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at Mercer University. Having spent six weeks during the past summer training with the ROTC at Fort Benning, Cadet Major Shiplett is serving as com-

mander of "A" Company for the school year.

Mr. Withers Price, of Lynchburg, has regretfully informed us that his son, Lt. Parham Thomas Price, U.S.A. Air Force and a 1950 alumnus of A.M.A., lost his life while serving as Navigation Officer on C-124 Troop Carrier Plane on Iwo Jima, November 20, 1955.

A.M.A. Marksmen Remain Unbeaten

In its opening match against Pennsylvania Military College in November, the rifle team, coached by Sergeant Binkley, was victorious by a score of 1579-1367. Top shot in this match was Cadet Dave Holland.

In its second match, also a postal one, against Tennessee Military Institute, A.M.A. again came out on top with 1879-1765, Cadet Bob Peters scoring highest in this match.

The rifle team will resume competition following the Christmas holidays with a winning slate, having defeated Washington and Lee in its most recent match by a score of 1349-1276. Cadet Roger Morris was high marksman in this match.

January will be a full one for the rifle team, with matches against VMI, VPI, UVa, and Fork Union, Randolph-Macon, Massanutten and Greenbriar Military Schools.

Caissons to punt from deep in their own territory with four minutes left to play. This set up the play on which McGrath blocked the punt. It was shortly after this when Howell and Zehmer broke through for the deciding safety. A.M.A. controlled the ball for the rest of the game.

This was the latest addition to the longest string of games that any two high school rivals in the country have played.

A.M.A.-Fishburne

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down. Johnson started the ball rolling by running the kickoff back to the Blue Streak 40. Two quick passes from the quarterback Bob Carson to halfback Joe Sefa gained the Cadets a first down at the midfield stripe. The Augusta offense then bogged down temporarily but a convenient penalty kept them from losing the ball on the punt. Carson connected with Johnson for fifteen yards and with Sefa on a play that was good for a touchdown.

Late in the second quarter Fishburne scored on a drive sparked by fullback Mike Gray. Gray made the TD on a two-yard plunge.

A hard-fought third quarter ended scoreless with A.M.A. in possession of the ball on the Caisson 41. Several plays after the fourth quarter started, Carson passed to Johnson for 50 yards. On the next play Johnson scored from the four. But when the Big Blue failed to make the all-important point after, the score stood: Fishburne 13, Augusta 12.

A 15-yard penalty forced the

Last Minute Dash By Sefa Brings 26-19 Win Over RMA

A 55-yard run by Joe Sefa in the last minute of play put the ice on a free-scoring contest between AMA and the Yellow Jackets of Randolph Macon. Sefa's tally provided the seven-point margin of victory and broke a 19-19 tie.

RMA scored midway in the first quarter on a 81-yard sprint off left tackle.

Sefa made the first of his two touchdowns on a three yard

plunge in the second quarter. Augusta's fullback, Dale Powers made the score 7-6 by plunging through the middle for a pat pas. The T. D. was set up by Bob Carson to Dick Albert.

To open the second half scoring, Powers barreled around left end for forty yards and the score.

The Yellow Jackets then took to the air and scored on two passes netting 75 yards.

A Randolph Macon halfback intercepted an AMA pass on the Big Blue 20 and ran it back all the way to put RMA ahead, 19-13.

Things looked dark for Augusta as the fourth quarter unfolded; but Sefa shook loose from the midfield stripe to carry the ball to the Yellow Jacket two yard line. Four plays later, Powers bulldozed through to paydirt.

With a minute left to play, Sefa broke loose from the AMA 45 and went all the way this time for six points. Carson passed to Dennis Howell for the extra point.

Previous to this away action, the Big Blue split two games on home ground. They had trounced Miller School, 50-6, and lost to Virginia Episcopal School, 19-0.

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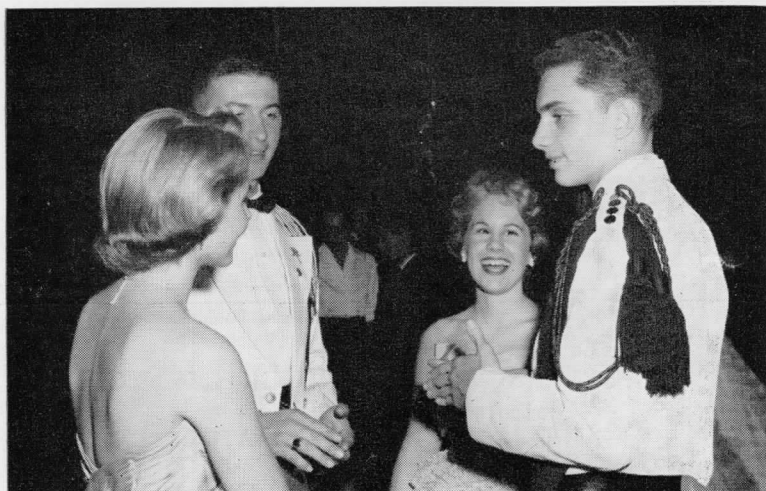
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Cadet Roger Morris, Band Captain, and his date, Miss Macon Winfree, discuss A.M.A.'s afternoon victory over Fishburne with Cadet Bill Yates, Captain of Headquarters Company, and his date, Miss Linda Lesueur. The young ladies both attend Stuart Hall.

Privilege List For November Honor Nov. Numbers 26 Roll Announced

Those achieving the necessary average for the November Principal's Privilege List are:

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Exchange Papers Are Available

Exchange newspapers from other military schools and private schools in Va. and neighboring states are available for reading and perusal in Captain's Room "E". Among newspapers received are those of Millersburg Military Institute, Woodberry Forest, Staunton Military Academy, The McCallie School and Episcopal High School. Any cadet knowing of other schools with which he would like to have **The Bayonet** exchange newspapers please notify **The Bayonet** advisor, Lt. Johnson.

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COL. LYND, FORMER A.M.A. PMS-T, MAKES VETERANS DAY ADDRESS

By Major C. E. Savage

FORT DEFINANCE, NOV. 12—In an impressive and solemn ceremony commemorating those cadets of the Augusta Military Academy who gave their lives in the three wars of the 20th century, Col. Roy Lynd, USA., (Ret), warned the Veterans Day audience at Fort Definance that we must continue to worry about the advances made by the Russians in the satellite field, or else we shall slip even farther behind in our conquest of space.

With the cadets of the corps assembled, services began at the academy promptly at 11 a. m. before the front arch. Col. Chas. S. Roller, Jr., principal of A.M.A. described the first Nov. 11th when in 1918 the armistice was signed. In a moving description, Col. Roller paid tribute to all the men who served in World War I and to all the cadets of Augusta who sacrificed their lives. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Bernard Troutman, pastor of the Salem Luthern Church.

Introducing Col. Lynd to the audience, Col. Roller read from the A.M.A. **Recall** of 1939, which was dedicated to Col. Lynd after he had served as professor of military science and tactics for four years at Augusta. In his address to the corps, Col. Lynd traced the sacrifice of the men in World War II from the infamous attack at Pearl Harbor to eventual victory in 1945 due to the power, the worry and the will to work together of the American people. Col. Lynd then brought into sharp focus the necessity more than ever for all

Americans to sacrifice in order that the United States may remain free and that we may surpass the communists in their present superiority in the missile field. "These men whose names are on the plaques in the Front Arch must not have sacrificed in vain. We must sacrifice now, in order that their sacrifice will have meant something to each of us," he said.

Selected members of the corps stepped forward and saluted with the reply, "Died on the field of honor, Sir", as Major Samuel S. Wales, commandant of the cadets, read the roll of honor of A.M.A. war heroes. Following the roll call, the band played, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye", and closing the ceremony was a triple taps salute to the men of Augusta.

Guests of the academy included parents of those men who had given their lives, patrons, members of the faculty and their wives.

At 2 p. m. the corps participated in the annual Veterans Day parade in Harrisonburg.

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